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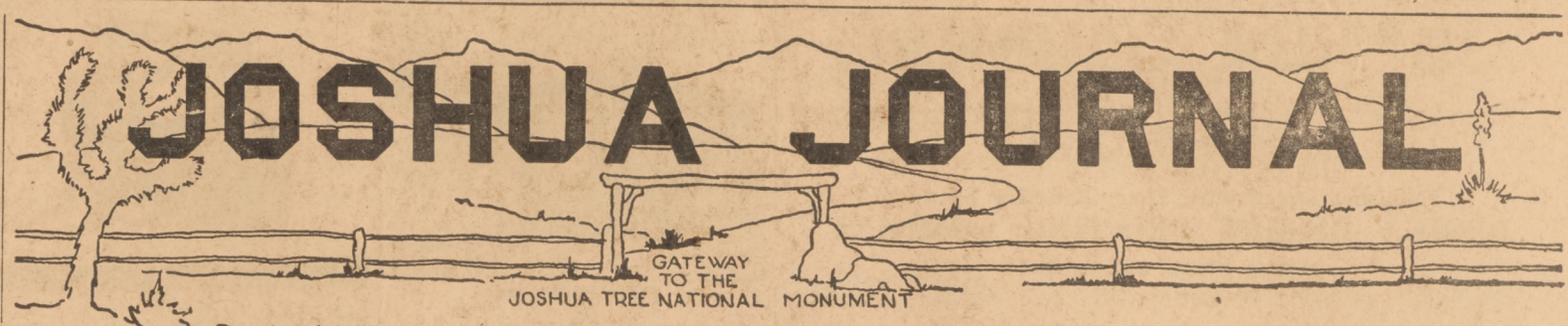
LATEST RUMOR DEPT.

Rumors that the 29 Palms Airbase deal for cadet training has faded are strictly unfounded, according to Leonard Wikoff, local representative for the D & H Aeronautical Corp.



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Weekly News Review of the Joshua Monument Desert Covering Morongo Valley, Pioneertown, Paradise Valley, Joshua Tree, Sunfair, Indian Cove, Yucca Valley, and Twentynine Palms.

Dept. Of Interior Would Sound Death Knell To Park Miner

JOSHUA TREE—According to an exclusive story in the Los Angeles Times, the Department of Interior has designs on control of mining in the United States which would in effect make mining all but impossible in the section of the Joshua Tree National Monument recently declared open to mining by the Phillip's Bill.

The proposed new mining regulations, which were copied from a secret document, "would ruin every prospector and little miner in the United States," declared a veteran miner. "Increased assessment work and 'red tape' would make it financially impossible for the small miner to even try to operate. There is nobody to take the place of the traditional burro or jeep prospector's and he would be really doomed under the laws now being sought by the Secretary of the Interior, Oscar Chapman."

Special mention was made of the effect of the proposed new changes on such activities as those proposed in the portion of the Joshua Tree National Monument soon to be reopened for mining.

Cattle grazing leases may be used as a further stumbling block to the small miner. "The Taylor Grazing Act is being used to tighten the grip of the Interior Department over mining affairs," the Times informant said, "Land set aside under the grazing act is administered under such conditions that a prospector is classified immediately as a trespasser. By having both administrations — mining and grazing—under the Interior Department's rule it is possible to use one to gain domination over the others."

Lands under the Grazing Act, or subject to such control, total more than the entire state of California by more than 19,000,000 acres. Proposed changes in the mining laws by the Department of Interior would give them virual control over all mining lands, also.

"Disclosure of the plans outlining the proposed law changes will be a distinct public service," one mining authority said, "If the mining industry and the public are warned of what is being sought steps can be taken to prevent any such scheme from being put over."

The document, which was marked confidential stated that, "Neither this Memorandum nor the information it contains is to be made available to the public." It was turned over to the Times by an unidentified friend of the miners.

Hutch Sez:

A sure way to get the Lord's help is to first help oneself.

Deep Freeze At Hubba-Hubba

SUNFAIR—A recent post-card survey to determine the number of persons interested in a deep freeze locker at a point between Twentynine Palms and Joshua Tree left recipients in doubt as to its possible location. Frank Pontius, owner of the Hubba-Hubba Ranch, midway between the two communities, revealed to the Joshua Journal that his place was the deep freeze unit in question.

Mr. Pontius, who now operates a large deep freeze compartment for his eviscerated turkeys, stated that if a sufficient number of persons were interested he would install individual lockers at his ranch. A card addressed to the Hubba-Hubba Rancho, Joshua Tree will be appreciated.

Convoy Initiates New Road

TWENTYNINE PALMS—Fifty-four cars from Twentynine Palms and neighboring towns christened the newly oiled road from the Park boundary to Salton View (Keye's View) Sunday afternoon to formally open the new road system in the Joshua Tree National Monument. At Jumble Rock, Barbara Swain, Pioneer-Day Queen, rode up on her horse and cut the ribbon across the road to signal that it was officially open. Frank Givens, Park Superintendent and Jack Fouch, Chamber of Commerce president welcomed the visitors and officiated at the ceremonies.

Later at the Twentynine Palms Inn, visitors were treated to a cocktail and buffet luncheon. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Harris of Santa Monica, Mr. and Mrs. Ott and Patton from Santa Ana, Mr. Kelly, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Cathedral City, "Chuck" Adams, park naturalist and local officials and Chief Lucky and Snow White.

Mr. Givens stated that roads would be built and surfaced in other areas of the park, if and when easement is obtained from private property owners whose property is within the boundaries of the park. Roads are being brushed on private property where there is public right-of-way, but no surfacing can be done with out easement, according to Mr. Givens.

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SCOUT COMM. BEGINS DRIVE

John Duncan, Joshua Monument District Finance Chairman, Boy Scouts of America, Arrowhead Area Council, announces the District Finance "Friends of Scouting" Drive to be held one day only, Saturday, December 2. Elmer Katzenstein, assistant chairman, will handle the Twentynine Palms area which will have its "kickoff" breakfast at Patolie's at 8 o'clock Saturday morning with all its workers and leaders. Captains and lieutenants for his section are: Mrs. Lucille Conner, captain, and Mary Nichols, lieutenant, Smoke Tree area; Maude Martin, captain and T. L. Martin, lieutenant of the Plaza section; Mrs. Willie May Bolster, captain and John Henneberger, lieutenant for the area south of the Twentynine Palms Highway and west of Adobe Road; Mrs. Vernon Bray, captain for the area south of Twentynine Palms Highway and east of Adobe Road; Mrs. Vera King, captain for the section between the Twentynine Palms Highway and the Plaza. Nearly all of the above leaders have their teams of 10 workers complete, others have a few more to go. Anyone desiring to assist may contact the leaders immediately. Teams will be listed in next week's edition of this paper. In the west end of the Scout District, under the direct leadership of Mr. Duncan, Mr. D. F. Geil is captain of Morongo Valley. Kenneth Williams is captain of Joshua Tree, Mrs. Zola King, captain and Mrs. Edna Frye, lieutenant in Sunfair. The leadership for Yucca Valley and Pioneertown is not complete at this writing but Mr. Duncan has been assured of their full support. This Section will have its "kickoff" breakfast at Bouchey's at 7:30 on Saturday morning, December 2. Joe Wasserberger, Joshua Monument District Chairman of the Arrowhead Area Council, urges full support of the Council's $38,000 budget to not only continue but to improve the quality and quantity of Scouting in this area. He further states, "Our leadership is in excellent condition, let's keep up our financial support."

Quarter Horse Races, 26th

Quarter Horse races will be held this weekend, Sunday, November 26 at the Wild Horse Ranch in Yucca Valley. Post time: 2 p. m. Barbeque at 11 a.m.

Community. Assn. News

The County Board of Supervisors at their meeting Monday, November 20, voted favorably upon the petition to hold an election upon the Entertainment and Improvement Levy.

There was no opposition, therefore it was ordered that, after the necessary preparations, an election would be held, at which time the citizens of the district concerned could vote their desires, it is also presumed a Board of Governors will be elected at the same time to administrate the funds, should the vote be favorable.

Recreation District Proposed For Joshua Tree

JOSHUA TREE—A proposed recreation district for Joshua Tree, which was suggested by Jack Branthoover and sponsored by members of the Community Association and Chamber of Commerce, was laid before the County Board of Supervisors this week for approval. The recreation district, which will include all of Joshua Tree proper, comprises four sections of land in Township 1 North, Range 6 East, and specifies sections 25, 26, 35 and 36.

The tentative plan calls for a 25 cent tax on each $100 of assessed valuation on all property in Joshua Tree and the four sections involved. The plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors and it will be placed on the ballot for a special election probably sometime in December for all registered voters of the recreation district. A budget of expenditures will be set up sometime after the first of February, 1951.

Under the proposed plan the Community Club will become property of the County Recreation District as will any future recreation facilities. Financing for any facilities will be derived from taxation of all property holders instead of just those that are now residing in Joshua Tree. It has been felt that too much of the burden of community development has fallen on local citizens and merchants while absentee property holders have not carried their share of the community's progress.

Local citizens who attended the hearing were: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Branthoover, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Margret Bair and Harold Sherborne.

Turkey On The Table!

JOSHUA TREE — America's oldest tradition, Thanksgiving Day, which is preceeded by the shooting of a turkey to grace the festive board, put turkey meat on the table of several sharp shooting Pilgrim descendants last Saturday and Sunday at the Sportsman Club in Joshua Tree. Among those perforating the bull's eye target to win turkeys were: Bob Garry, Bill Workman and Bill Downing (each winning two birds apiece.) Roger Clark, Tom Humphreville, Fred Marble and Tommy Stumphall were among those that carried home turkeys. "Annie Oakley" Anna Lee Beard won her Thanksgiving dinner in the women's competition.

Birds for the Turkey Shoot were furnished by Eddie Fetherston of the Rancho Roselle at Sunfair.

Sheriff's Reserve Not Changed!

There seems to be a misunderstanding in regards to the Sheriff's Reserve. The Sheriff's Reserve, as is the Disaster Council, is a mandate of the Federal Government handed down as a responsibility of each state. In turn the Governor of each state has charged each county. The Sheriff's Reserve is an implement to supplement the Sheriff's Department in case of emergency, disaster or when local enforcement agencies are unable to cope with any situation. Any change in local administration has no bearing on the overall responsibility of the Sheri"s Reserve. The Unit is organized as a permanent instrument to be used both in peace and in war.

The Greater Morongo Valley, which includes Pioneertown, Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, 29 Palms and on to Dale Chemical Co. has a coordinated unit of over 110 men and women. Due to the large

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VACATION?

So that the Linotype operator and the Editor may have half a day's vacation on Thanksgiving to get their share of the turkey, we're only publishing four pages this week. A half a day is something to be thankful for in this business!

—M.F. & W.S.

THE RESORTER!

The magazine supplement, Palm Springs RESORTER that is published with the Joshua Journal once a month was mailed with the November 18th issue, for this month. Many of our subscribers didn't get their Otcober issue as it apparently spilled out enroute. However, we took precautions against such an occurance this time, and stapled the two sections together. We have some extra copies of the October RESORTER, so if any subscriber missed their copy drop us a card and we'll forward it.

Many persons have asked us why we carry a Palm Springs magazine section with the Journal. We repeat: It is our opinion that it is a fine medium of publicity since it is read by more than forty thousand desert-minded persons, who frequent the Palm Springs area. Our page or two of "propaganda" in the RESORTER may interest many of the "villagers" into a trip up our way where they'll find a better climate, cleaner drier air, purer water, more beautiful landscape, and a much better place in which to live. Need we say more? —M.F.

Watkins Opens Fulltime Insurance Office

YUCCA VALLEY—Charles S. Watkins, insurance broker of 29 Palms, who has maintained an office here for several years is opening a full-time insurance office in the Trails Motel. This will be the first full-time, all-insurance office to open in Yucca Valley. Mr. Watkins will handle any and all types of insurance including policies with several group insurance companies, California Compensation, Industrial Indemnity, Franklin Life and Lloyds of London.

Mr. Watkins is still associated with Earl Swain in 29 Palms where he maintains an office.

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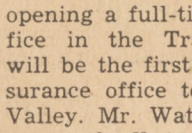

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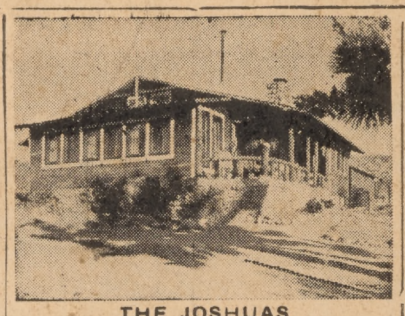

THE JOSHUAS

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON

It was the last day of October and on that night I was leaving Rushville, Ill., for my home in Yucca Valley. In the hopes of keeping the children off the streets, the business mn of Rushville gave a public Halloween party in the town-square park. Prizes were given to the most cleverly dressed clown, witch, and other masked impersonations. After the party we still had time to kill, as my train did not leave Galesburg (seventy-five miles away) until past midnight, so we went to a movie.

The night was warm—so warm that when my niece, Virginia, and her husband, Cecil Burrows, took me to the train, she went without a wrap and he in his shirt sleeves. As the California Limited was late, I persuaded them to go back; home; even so I would be in bed before they.

In the distance the train whistled. At night there is no help at that station for the passengers so I started walking down the railroad tracks because the Pullmans always seem to be blocks from the depot. The night was spookly black so I was relieved when, finally, I could discern the white coat of the porter.

The train moved westward and I had started for home. One can have a perfect vacation, visit his loved ones, see many interesting places, but soon the time comes when he fels as did the song writer who wrote "Be It Ever So Humble, There Is No Place Like Home!"

Warren's Shoe Repair

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GOD, ONLY CAUSE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THEME

"God the Only Cause and Creator" will be the Sunday Bible Lesson subject in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston. The Golden Text is from The Acts: "Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is."

A Scriptural selection from the Psalms reads, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses . . . Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."

"Divine Mind is the only cause or Principle of existence," declares Mary Baker Eddy in "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures." She adds, "Cause does not exist in matter, in mortal mind, or in physical forms."

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Greenhorn Gardner

BY RUTH HALE

Though folks who come to the desert feast on it's natural beauty and have said bood-bye to their cultiviated gardens, they still have a feeling of nostalgia when they come upon a gardner at work.

The longer I live here the more I realize that almost anything is posible when it comes to growing flowers and vegetables.

One friend who gardened in the "Old Country" has a garden which might be the envy of anyone anywhere. He is growing broceili, swiss chard, tomatoes (some called the pear tomato which are most delicious) lettuce, herbs of all kinds, peanuts too. In fact, his garden has almost everything one can bring to mind. His secret: fertilization, cultivation and the right amount of water.

Peanuts are well adapted to this sandy soil and are most prolific, one seed producing many peanuts. The vine is a lovely green and is quite decorative.

Though some of us may not believe in miracles, it seems to me that when the life in one tiny seed can produce so many more of it's kind, that our faith should be restored.

Many of the root vegetables such as the beet, carrot and onion can be grown in the winter garden. You might try the rock mulch to help you in this venture. The rocks will catch the heat in the day time and will warm the roots of the plants at night.

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HI NEIGHBORS! This should be good news for every Western picture fan in the country! GENE AUTRY and SMILEY BURNETTE are to be teamed again, at lest for one picture. They join hands again early in December for "Whirlwind" and it will be the 62nd time they went that-a-way together. Wonder if you remember their first one? It was a serial called "Phantom Empire" in 1934 and it was produced by ARMAND (Mandy) SCHAEFER, who will produce "Whirlwind." It's really going to be a reunion. It's just a one picture deal this time, tho, because PAT BUTTRAM, Gene's regular comic will be out of the hospital and ready to dish out the laughs on the next one.

Redskins Have Red Faces. At least a bunch of boys from the Crow Tribe are a little embarassed. NAT HOLT hired them for his picture "Warpath," but when they got in front of the cameras, they were too pale and the makeup man had to step in and restore the traditional redskin color. We also hear that an expert from Hollywood had to teach the Indians how to shoot a bow and arrow!

Crime Doesn't Pay! Or at least it didn't used to, if the figurges dug up by picture research expert Eugene Cunningham are correct. While checking the facts for Columbia's "Texas Rangers" picture, Cunningham found that the sum total of all the monies taken by the famous Sam Bass Gang amounted to exactly $1,961 and Sam Bass' share was only $514.87! For this he got hung!

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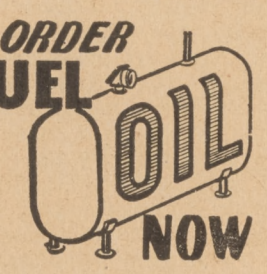

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area the valley is divided into two "districts," the "Desert District" including towns west of 29 Palms with headquarters in Yucca Valley and the "29 Palms District" the area of 29 Palms and east with headquarters in 29 Palms. These districts are and will receive instruction in law enforcement and protection of life and property by the Sheriff's regular instructors each month. The American Red Cross had a meeting Thursday evening, November 9, at which plans were completed for classes for instructors in First Aid who in turn will conduct classes for the Reservists.

The public's co-operation and understanding of the Sheriff's Reserve duties and responsibilities will be a great asset to each community and will assist each Reservist with his obligation when required.

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Joshua Tree Notes

Mr. and Mrs. George Willis of Hylands, Mrs. Harvey Williams and her mother, Mrs. Frank Bone of San Bernardino spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bacon. . . . Mr. W. F. Smith of Anaheim is building a six-room house on the corner of Park and Alta Vista. Mr. Smith is retired and will divide his time between Washington, Joshua Tree and Anaheim. . . . A carrier pigeon landed at the Wilbergs a couple of weeks ago, wet and dripping and very fagged. He spends the nights in a warm dry place and takes off each morning and comes back at 4 p. m. He apparently eats his meals out, and the Wilbergs are at a loss to find out where he punches the time clock between 8 and 4. . . . Mrs. Mary L. Hinton, member of the Hollywood Women's Club, and her sister Mrs. Nettie Renfroe are spending a month at Joshua Tree. Mrs. Hinton contemplates building here. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Conners were visitors over the weekend. They own property here and are planning to retire here eventually. . . . Frankie Goodhall, who was recently promoted to corporal in the Army, was transferred to leadership school. Frankie is one of our boys who was training with the 40th at Camp Cooke.

BIRCH WILDS SIGNS FOR ARABIA JOB

JOSHUA TREE—Birch Wilds, former proprietor of the Wild's Variety Store, will leave this week for Arabia where he will be employed as an electrician for the Arabian-American Oil Company. Mr. Wilds will make a 12,000 mile flight to Dhahran for his first job under an 18 month's contract with "Aramco."

Mrs. Wilds will remain in Joshua Tree until Birch has completed his first "hitch", then she plans to make her home with her husband in Arabia.

Morongo Valley Notes

Chuck Meidell, driver of the State Forestry fire truck, will report to the Army at San Bernardino for induction November 22.

Mrs. James T. Irovy of Binghampton, N. Y., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ruth Hale the past week also visited relatives in Oregon and Dinuba, Calif., where she saw a large pine tree felled and followed it through the mill. She says she still hears the cry of "T-I-M-B-E-R" and the crash. She left for home by plane saturday.

Boy Scout Troop No. 77, sponsored by the Morongo Valley Chamber of Commerce is again meeting. Scout Master Cecil Smith and Assistant Scout Master Paul Mercatoris from Yucca Valley have taken charge of the Troop. Meetings are held every Friday night at the Tom Hobgood home. The boys' first project is the making of Christmas wreaths for sale and the sale of Christmas trees.

Ernest Anselmo will build a house in Morongo Annex as a present to his mother. Harry Clay is in charge of construction which will begin very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Murphy of Glendale announce the arrival of a seven pound baby daughter, Sharon Lee, Sunday, Nov. 12. Mr. Murphy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sanders. Mrs. Murphy and little Sharon Lee are both reported doing fine.

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Yucca Valley Notes

Mrs. Milton Myers is moving back to her Yucca Valley home on Bannock. Milton is deep sea fishing, commercially, out of New Port Beach and expects to spend the off season in Yucca. . . . Irene and Bill Downing are visiting Bill's father in Ontario. Bill expects to enter the Armed Services the 30th of this month. . . . Fred Storey's office is getting an exterior remodeling. Mr. Boicourt is doing the carpentering, Mr. Pietchman the painting and Mr. Roth the sign work. Interior changes will be made also. . . . Mr. Warren is dressing out quite a number of his turkeys for market. Mrs. Warren's son, wife and Judy and David were up for Thanksgiving. Mr. Crockett is agent for Whip Wilson, Monogram's cowboy star, who expects to visit here the 3rd of December. . . . Mr. Sanders oiled the road up to the statue of Christ above the village, for the Community Church. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jefferies of Monrovia have been visiting their daughter, Laurel Martin the past week. Capt. Jefferies is a retired state game warden. . . . Kirk Martin has accepted a position with Aero-Jet in Monrovia in the art department. . . . More than 20 building permits were issued the past month for Yucca Valley, according to Chuck Wentworth, building inspector. . . . Mr. and Mrs. John R. Shales and Sam Shales were visitors last Sunday. The Shales are in the real estate business with M. A. Woodall, former owner of the Y. V. Building Supply. Their offices are on Mt. Vernon in San Bernardino.

Reed Suffers Collapse

YUCCA VALLEY — Henry "Jerry" Reed was taken to the hospital in San Bernardino last Monday evening in the Joshua Tree ambulance after a collapse. "Jerry" a veteran of World War II was wounded in France. According to the ambulance driver he complained about pains in the face and head.

At latest reports he is much improved and may return home soon. Jerry is the husband of the new school teacher here.

SUNFAIR IS THE PLACE TO GROW TURKEYS

SUNFAIR—"Sunfair is the place to raise turkeys," emphasized Chester R. Bunker, developer and turkey grower as he viewed headlines in the Los Angeles Times, Sunday. According to the metropolitan daily, nearly one-hundred thousand turkeys were drowned in the Centerville area near Fresno when heavy rains and melting snows overflowed the Fresno and King Rivers.

Thousands of acres of farm land were inundated by the raging flood waters when a diversion dam near Sierra Canyon went out from the heavy pressure of water, this past weekend.

Every year thousands of turkeys are lost in the northern areas from either flood, heat, disease or heavy rains. This recent loss was more than all the turkeys raised at Sunfair this year where the average loss is less than 10 percent. The national average is about 28 percent. Sunfair turkey growers feel that they have found the ideal spot for raising turkeys since neither floods, disease nor heat interfere with successful raising of turkeys.

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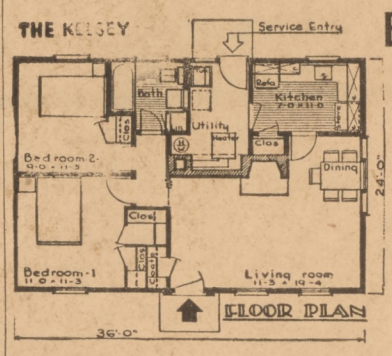

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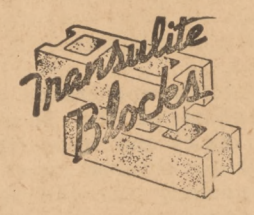

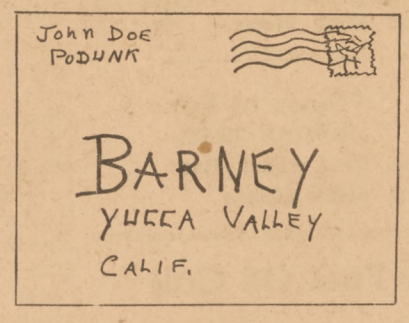

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